

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREEN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**May 12, 2009**

Arthur Carter, Chair, called the meeting to order.

The Clerk read the roll with 29 present and 2 absent being Krattiger and Syse.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Dalton, seconded by Wolter to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2009 meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Presentation was given by Wisconsin State Treasurer, Dawn Marie Sass, on the primary responsibilities of the State Treasurer's office.

Presentation was given by all four educators from the Green County UW-Extension office, highlighting their annual report.

**RESOLUTION 5-1-09**

***Resolution Urging Restoration of Human Services Funding  
in the 2009-2011 State Budget***

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin counties are responsible for providing the safety net of basic human services to Wisconsin's citizens in areas ranging from processing claims for food stamps and Medicaid benefits, to protecting abused and neglected children and working with families in crisis, to caring for residents with mental illnesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the demand for these services has grown and continues to grow significantly due to the recent economic downturn; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor's proposed state budget bill for 2009-2011 cuts more than \$59 million in state money for programs that directly fund county human services, specifically by:

1. Cutting \$20.1 million from the Children and Families Basic County Allocation, which provides funding for child abuse and neglect prevention services, child welfare investigations, out-of-home placements for children at risk, child welfare services to families, and services to children at risk of becoming delinquent;
2. Shifting \$13.7 million in the next two years by having counties, rather than the state, pay for the state's portion of providing institutional mental health care for children under age 22 or elderly civil patients over age 64;
3. Cutting \$11.8 million in the next two years from state Youth Aids payments to counties while increasing the cost to counties of placing juveniles in state corrections facilities by an additional \$2 million;
4. Cutting \$11 million in the next two years from state funding for county income maintenance contracts that pay for staff to determine eligibility for FoodShare, Medical Assistance, W-2, energy assistance, child care, and BadgerCare; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed reductions would result in a projected loss of at approximately \$400,000 in state funds to Green County in each year of the biennium and would result in significant reductions in the provision of human services to Green County residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, urges the Wisconsin Legislature and the Governor to fully restore funding for these vital programs as part of the 2009-11 state budget.

**SIGNED: HUMAN SERVICES BOARD:**

Mary Alice Hart, Chair

Herb Hanson, Vice-Chair

Joseph Cousin

Anita Huffman

Gayl Christensen

Tim Davis

Michael Furgal

Jerry Guth

Sandy Horn

Motion by Cousin, seconded by Hart to adopt Resolution 5-1-09. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**RESOLUTION 5-2-09**

***Resolution Opposing Proposed Changes to Wisconsin's Prevailing Wage Law***

**WHEREAS**, the Governor's proposed biennial state budget, Assembly Bill 75, proposes to make the prevailing wage law applicable to any public works contract over \$2,000; and

**WHEREAS**, under current law the prevailing wage requirements only apply to multiple-trade public works projects over \$234,000 and single-trade public works projects over \$48,000; and

**WHEREAS**, reducing the threshold to \$2,000 will increase the cost of small public works projects previously exempted from the prevailing wage requirement in many communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost increase to pay prevailing wages on all public works projects over \$2,000 will force counties and other local governments to reduce the number and/or size of public works projects or raise taxes to meet the increased costs, which would further burden property taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor's proposed budget also for the first time proposes to make the prevailing wage law applicable to private projects that receive public financing; and

**WHEREAS**, the requirement to pay prevailing wages on all public works projects over \$2,000 will take away the competitive advantage that many smaller local contractors have on smaller public works projects over larger contractors from outside a local community, thus hurting the local economy in these communities while still increasing the costs of these projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the impact of these proposed changes to the prevailing wage law would add additional cost of Green County's projects over the next two years at a time when Green County is operating under numerous financial constraints including levy limits and tax rate limits; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed changes to the prevailing wage law in the budget are non-fiscal policy items that should be addressed as separate legislation so that lawmakers can give more thoughtful consideration to changing the cost threshold for public works projects and clarifying statutory language to distinguish between routine maintenance and construction projects.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Green County Board of Supervisors, in legal session assembled, that the Board approve the recommendation of the Finance and Accounting Committee opposing the changes to the prevailing wage law proposed in AB 75, and urges the Legislature and the Governor to remove these items from the budget bill.

**SIGNED: THE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE:**

Harvey Mandel, Chair

Sue Disch, Vice-Chair

Arthur Carter

Al Benzschaewel

Dennis Everson

Motion by Mandel, seconded by Everson to adopt Resolution 5-2-09. Motion carried by a majority voice vote, with five no votes being Cousin, Iverson, Disch, Benzschaewel and Furgal.

#### **ORDINANCE 09-0501**

##### ***Ordinance Rezoning Parcel in Town of Exeter***

**WHEREAS**, the Green County Board of Supervisors has adopted the Green County Land Use and Zoning Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Green County Land Use and Zoning Committee has been petitioned to rezone a certain parcel of land from residential district to agricultural district; and

**WHEREAS**, the Green County Land Use and Zoning Committee held a public hearing on the Petition on April 22, 2009, and has taken into consideration all of the testimony heard at such public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the Green County Land Use and Zoning Committee that the land area described below, and for which a map may be obtained from the Zoning Department, be rezoned from residential district to agricultural district.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Green County Board of Supervisors in legal session assembled, that the following described parcel of land be rezoned from the residential zoning district to the agricultural zoning district, to-wit:

*Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Certified Survey Map No. 2990, recorded in Volume Ten of Certified Survey Maps of Green County, Wisconsin, on page 295 as Document No. 407672, being part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 14, Town 4 North, Range 8 East, Town of Exeter, Green County, Wisconsin, and Lots 5, 6, 7 and Outlot 1 of Certified Survey Map No. 2991, recorded in Volume Ten of Certified Survey Maps of Green County, Wisconsin, on page 297 as Document No. 407673, being part of the Northwest and Northeast Quarters of the Northeast Quarter of Section 14, Town 4 North, Range 8 East, Town of Exeter, Green County, Wisconsin.*

and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this amendment shall not take effect until more than forty (40) days after the adoption of the Ordinance by the County Board unless the Town affected files a Resolution with the County Clerk approving the Ordinance, then said Ordinance shall become effective upon the filing of the Resolution of the Town approving the same with the County Clerk; and

